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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0671
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/10/2026 9:54 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off Old Crawley Road Faygate West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline Application for a development of up to 120 dwellings (including 45% affordable) with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address:	11 Comptons Lane Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I object to the expansion of the edge of Horsham into the open green space environment, used by hundreds of local residents for outdoor exercise, peaceful country relaxation and mental

wellbeing.

The proposed development is contrary to the local plan and neighbourhood consultation to protect our green spaces. The wildlife corridor to the west of the newly installed, hard surfaced bridleway leading up the hill towards Chesworth farm, is an important habitat for a multitude of animals. Doormice, bats and butterflies had regularly been recorded in this hedgerow (which was carefully retained by WSCC when they built the bridleway). The new landowners destroyed the majority of this in their early acquisition of the land. Not surprising then, that their subsequent survey found no evidence of these. Furthermore, they went beyond their own land, cutting right back over the ditch and into the bank on HDC's allotment land, leaving just a sheer hedge edge. The open field is also a feeding ground for wildlife, invertibrates, butterflies, bees and birds. An integrated ecosystem of grassland, shrub and trees.

The lower part of the triangle regularly becomes totally flooded every wet period, a lake in heavy rain, with the ditch at the bottom, submerged and obviously unable to cope with just field seepage, let alone housing runoff from the whole area. The field capacity of this land to hold water in winter and slowly supply the Arun through the summer is massive (250-400l per cubic meter of clay, x the square meterage area of this land!). The drainage plan is clearly inadequate for any development to not have a seriously negative impact on the local environment and water management (including SUDS).

Walking out of the built up town, down the bridleway from Arun way, between the two hedgerows, I am already drawing upon the healing power of nature. Once beyond the gate, ascending the slope of Muggeridge field, with the beautiful open vista across 'the triangle' my mental wellness is calmed, in readiness for a relaxing stroll in nature. From just over halfway up the slope, the magnificent view, unspoilt right across the High Weald to Sedgewick and Monks Gate, a tremendous boost to mental health. This would be obliterated from view if the triangle were to become an estate of 21 buildings. The mental wellbeing would not then be achieved until some way into Chesworth Farm, over the hill. This area should remain open green spaces for residents to enjoy the relaxing view through gentle exercise. Many people cannot manage much further than passed the triangle and I often see mobility scooters sitting here to take in the views, COPD sufferers cannot necessarily continue an extra mile onward and back!

The height of the proposed buildings will tower over the bridleway, giving the impression of being in a narrow town street, instead of the countryside. Taking light away from the corridor, shading out walkers and blocking all view of the morning sunrise to the east.

Finally, parking will not be adequate for 21 dwellings with visitors

and any overspill will badly affect an already full local housing area.

In conclusion, this is a very poor extension of Horsham town in an area ideally placed to give relaxation, exercise and help mental health. Whilst producing many problems to the local community, in particular flooding and surface drainage.

Kind regards

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